No. of incidents detected in respect of smuggling of cattle and details thereof:

Year	Agency	No. of cases	No. of Cattle
1993	Customs	156	912
	BSF	4970	23531
1994	Customs	165	1444
	BSF	4387	23465

(c) No statistics regarding impact of smuggling on prices of foodgrains is available. Anti Smuggling agencies of the Government are alert to prevent and detect smuggling including smuggling of foodgrains and cattle.

Impact of Budget on Industries

4337. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of various Chambers of Industry met him during last week of March, 1995 to brief budget impact on industry; and

(b) if so, the detail of concrete suggestions received from them and the extent to which their suggestions were accepted/implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation schemes by BIFR

4338. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1101 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to support BIFR in discharging of its functions by removing difficulties faced by the Board, particularly half-hearted approach to the revival schemes of the sick companies on the part of the promoters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have received a number of suggestions for strengthening BIFR so that rehabilitation schemes of the sick companies are implemented quickly;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to make mandatory on the part of the promoters to support the revival schemes sanctioned by BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (d) Section 19(3) of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) provides that once a scheme has been sanctioned by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for revival of a sick industrial company, it is binding on all concerned, including the promoters. Section 33 of SICA vests sufficient powers with BIFR to deal with cases of violation of any sanctioned scheme.

(b) and (c) The Government had appointed in 1993 a Committee on Industrial Sickness and Corporate Restructuring under the chairmanship of Dr. Omkar Goswami which has, inter alia, recommended amendment of SICA to allow for early detection of sickness and restructuring of BIFR into fast track facilitator. The recommenda-

tions of the Committee are under consideration.

Car advance to MPs and other officials

4339. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of car advance at present admissible to (i) Members of Parliament, and (ii) Officers of Central Government;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the amount of advance in-view of steep increase in the price of vehicles ever since present ceiling was fixed;

(c) what are the objections to increase the amount of advance particularly when in the case of purchase of new cars almost 25 per cent of the price of the car ploughs back to Government in the form of excise duties and taxes etc.

(d) what is the rate of interest presently charged on these advances; and

(e) whether the rules provide any bar in enhancing the rate of recovery of payment of part of advance in lumpsum after the instalments have originally been fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) In terms of the provisions of the Members of Parliament (Advance for the purchase of conveyance) Rules, 1986, made under the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, a Member of Parliament is entitled to a maximum amount of Rs. 50,000 as advance for the purchase of a conveyance.

Officers of the Central Government drawing a basic pay of Rs. 3500 p.m. or above are eligible for the grant of an advance upto Rs. 80,000 or 16 months basic pay or the anticipated price of the motor car, whichever is the least. On second or subsequent occasions, the advance is restricted to Rs. 75,000 or 16 months basic pay or the anticipated price of the motor car, whichever is the least.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal, at present to increase the quantum of advance.

(d) Simple inteterest at such rates as may be fixed by the Government from time to time is charged on the advance granted to Members of Parliament/Officers of Central Government for purchase of motor car. Interest chargeable on such advance was 15 per cent during the year 1994-95.

(e) The Hon'ble Chairman of the Rajya Sabha or the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha, as the case may be, may permit recovery of advance in lesser number of instalments from the Members of Parliament, if it is so desired. Central Government officers have the option to re-pay more than one instalment in a month.

New scheme under Income Tax Act

4340. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new scheme providing for special procedures for assessment of search cases under the Income Tax Act;

(b) if so, details thereof with background;

(c) whether this scheme will be in the interests of people;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, steps to be taken to make it beneficial for the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes Sir. The Government has proposed a new scheme providing for spe-